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1. CU/AF NOTES FROM REFTTEL THAT EMBASSY PROPOSES ACCEPT BA-QUALIFIED PCV'S FOR BUTARE TEFL PROGRAM. WITHOUT SEEMING PASS JUDGMENT ON POST'S PC POLICIES, WE FEEL THAT APPROVAL OF BA-LEVEL TEACHERS JEOPARDIZES IMPORTANT JOINT CU/PC INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT EFFORT. CASS AND WHITEMAN AGREE, STATING THAT JOB DESCRIPTIONS DRAFTED BY THEM REQUIRE AT LEAST MA-LEVEL INSTRUCTORS FOR RESPECT AND ACCEPTANCE BY UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATORS, PROFESSIONAL COLLEAGUES, AND STUDENTS.

2. PAST EXPERIENCE IN RWANDA HAS SHOWN THAT BA-LEVEL TEACHERS UNABLE TO GAIN ENOUGH ESTEEM TO HAVE IMPACT UPON UNIVERSITY TEFL PROGRAM, AND THAT FULBRIGHT MA TEFL PROFESSOR WOULD BE NEEDED TO MAINTAIN PROGRAM CLOUT.

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3. WHILE CU/AF WILLING TO CONTINUE FULBRIGHT PROFESSOR

PRESENCE AT BUTARE FOR 1976-77 ACADEMIC YEAR, WE FEEL
USG IMPACT WOULD BE GREATER FOR PROFESSOR/CURRICULUM
DEVELOPER IN ANOTHER FIELD. ROBINSON

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